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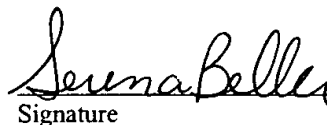
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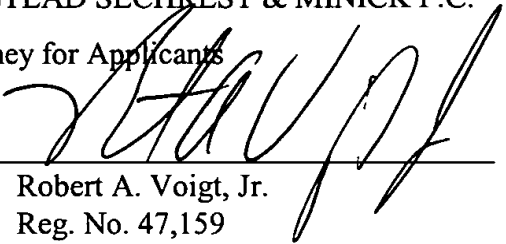
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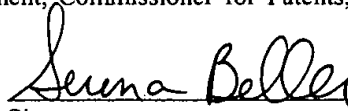
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In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 19, 2003 (Paper No. 11), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 19, 2003, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

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